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ANOTHER WHITEHOUSE CONFAB

REPUBLICANS TALK POLITICS WITH THE PRESIDENT.

The Outlines of the Party Platform Under Consideration—Believing the Democrats Will Make Their Fight on the Tariff, Republicans Prepare to Meet It.

WASHINGTON, May 4.—A large number of more or less eminent Republicans, including several Senators, were at the White House to-day, most of them to say good-by to the President. A few remained, however, to talk politics, as this was about the last opportunity for this pastime that would be afforded for some time to come.

Almost every hour since Mr. Roosevelt organized his White House Sunday school class last Sunday there have been political conferences at the White House, at the Capitol and elsewhere in Washington; but the new "boot finished" for the present, and those who took part in them are scattering to the various points of the compass. Speaker Cannon left to-day for his home in Danville, Senator Thomas C. Platt will go to New York to-morrow preparatory to his trip to Europe, and Senator Aldrich left this evening for a few weeks' visit to the Hot Springs of Virginia. Senator Lodge will remain in Washington until about the last of June.

Although the particular page and paragraph of the class lesson at the White House Sunday night, at the long session in the room of the Finance Committee Monday, and at the more or less impromptu sittings that have taken place since, have not yet been learned, there is no attempt to conceal the fact that the Republicans have been at work on the outlines of their party platform. In framing this important document it is, of course, important for them to know, or to think they know, what the Democratic issues are going to be, and they have never had such a hard time before to find out. The consensus of opinion, however, among the longest headed of the Republicans is that eventually it will become a fight over the question of the tariff.

Senator Aldrich, who is the Republican manager of the Senate, and a man upon whom the Administration and Republicans usually rely for advice and information, is convinced that, after all, there will be nothing left for the Democrats to talk of seriously when the campaign gets under way but the tariff.

This is just what Mr. Aldrich and the other Republicans want. They know that the Democrats are in a desperate situation, and to prove this they say it is only necessary to call attention to the fact that Leader Williams, in the House, is a tariff reformer, while Leader Gorman, in the Senate, is not. Mr. Aldrich says that if the tariff discussion is opened it must be full and free, with no talk of halfway measures. He says that tariff reform means tariff reform, and that tariff reform means the destruction of the protective system. Just what declaration on the tariff will be put into the Republican platform has not yet been determined, but as Senator Aldrich is chairman of the Finance Committee, and as he will be a close adviser of the national committee during the campaign, it is safe to say that he will have a hand in writing the tariff plank in the platform. It is probable, also, that he will put into that plank, in a general way, at least, the views which he expressed in his speech before the Young Men's Republican Club of Providence in opening the campaign there on March 23. In that speech Senator Aldrich said:

We believe that protective duties are imposed for the purpose of giving opportunities for the successful prosecution of industries requiring the profitable employment of labor. We believe that these duties thus levied do not encourage or create monopolies or trusts, and that the duties are an index of our industrial development. A tariff plank affected by the imposition of tariff rates, while our opponents would sacrifice industries and prevent the employment of labor by the reduction of tariff rates, we are in favor of the tariff plank in the platform. Senator Aldrich thinks that the Democrats may attempt to make some capital out of the cry of Republican extravagance, but he doesn't think it will succeed when the facts are properly presented to the people.

In the Senate last Thursday, the day the Congress adjourned, during the little political round-up that took place, Senator Culberson of Texas, in a speech, made the record a statement of expenditures which Mr. Aldrich immediately attacked. He said that Senator Culberson's tables were not reliable, because they were made up on the usual false basis, being a statement of the gross appropriations, making no allowance whatever for money appropriated for the sinking fund, for the redemption of bank notes, or for other purposes. The statement also included the gross amount of money appropriated for the Post Office Department, notwithstanding the fact that this Department is almost self-sustaining and that the receipts should first be deducted from the expenditures. There are always a lot of duplicated appropriations also—that is, appropriations of money unexpended and which, under the law, must be reappropriated before they can be expended.

All these, Mr. Aldrich says, are included in the partisan statements given out for publication in the Record. During his speech he submitted a table of estimated expenditures and appropriations compared with the actual expenditures. From this table it appears that the gross appropriations always exceed the estimates, but that large sums should be deducted from the total amount of money spent. By Mr. Aldrich's table it appears that for the present fiscal year the Secretary of the Treasury estimated two years in advance that he would need \$558,827,688. A year later he reduced that estimate to \$519,000,000. The gross appropriations, however, were \$624,400. The appropriations, minus the sinking fund and postal revenues, were \$512,490,038. The apparent expenditures were \$508,000,004, whereas the actual expenditures were only \$471,423,000.

For the present fiscal year the gross appropriations are \$758,058,506, the estimates made last year being \$716,000,000. The appropriations, less the sinking fund and postal revenues, were \$552,290,842, and it is thought that the actual expenditures, estimated by those of last year, would be little if any more than \$500,000,000, so-called official tables to the contrary notwithstanding. Judging from the opinion of this experienced Republican, therefore, the Democrats will not be able to make an issue of the tariff, and on that the Republicans are prepared to make their campaign.

HEARST WINS IN IOWA.

State's Twenty-six Delegates to St. Louis Instructed to Vote for Him.

DES MOINES, Ia., May 4.—Iowa's twenty-six delegates were instructed at the Democratic State convention, held here to-day, to vote for Congressman W. R. Hearst in the national convention at St. Louis. Congressman M. J. Wade led the anti-Hearst forces, but out of the 267 delegates he could only muster a total of 365.

Anti-Hearst men talked of a rump convention, but Wade's counsel prevailed and the idea was abandoned early in the day. The Hearst supporters not only controlled all the committees, but they ran the convention with only here and there a sharp opposition fight.

The resolutions committee, eight to three for Hearst, brought in a long set of resolutions denouncing trusts and lauding the candidate. The credentials committee stood 11 to 3 in favor of Hearst, but it surprised the entire convention by seating thirty-nine anti-Hearst contesting delegates and only thirty-one Hearst men.

The district caucuses stood 8 to 3 in Hearst's favor and his supporters will therefore control the State central committee. Former Congressman Walter Butler was chosen permanent chairman of the convention. These were named as delegates-at-large: Gen. James B. Weaver, Colfax; Judge E. M. Carr, Manchester; J. M. Parsons, Rock Rapids, and S. B. Wadsworth, Council Bluffs.

BRYAN FIRM FOR HEARST.

Said to Have Given That Answer to an Inquiry About His Choice.

DES MOINES, Ia., May 4.—In an effort to ascertain W. J. Bryan's attitude toward the various possibilities for the Democratic Presidential nomination, the Nebraskaan has been asked if he would support Senator Cockrell of Missouri, as a compromise candidate. In response, Mr. Bryan declares he will not, but that his fixed choice is William Randolph Hearst of New York.

WHOLE ELEVATED TIED UP

As Rush Hour Began by Short Circuit in Power House.

All of the elevated trains in Manhattan were stopped in the rush hour for a time last night by an accident in the main power house at Seventy-fourth street and the East River. There was great confusion on all of the lines. Passengers left trains and walked to the nearest stations. A few women risked this feat, which was not so dangerous as it seemed, because the power was off. The pedestrians further crowded stations crowded already.

Ticket agents got no word to stop selling tickets. To those whose tickets had been consumed by the chopper they issued "block tickets" good for twenty-four hours. Thousands secured these tickets and took surface cars home.

A big generating plant at Seventy-fourth street and the East River had a lively time of it. The current in one of the big feeder cables running from the generators to the "main bus" was short circuited and that cable was put out of business in an enormous white arc flame.

The main bus is the centraliser for the power, and had the main bus out of business the power is distributed to the different lines and sub-stations. The short circuit came at 4:58 o'clock and Supt. Henry D. Stott ordered all the machinery stopped so that the broken cable could be replaced.

The employees made a quick job of this, and the machinery was running again in about half an hour. The power was restored at 5:25 o'clock before things were running all right again on all the lines. Some trains got the whole twenty-seven minutes' delay, some started again in twelve minutes.

GOT THEIR MAN IN A CAR.

Amateur Sleuths' Long Chase—Prisoner Tries to Choke Himself.

Mrs. Annie Miller of 441 East Eleventh street saw a stranger in the hallway of her home and thought he was a burglar. She ran upstairs and notified the mother of the child, Edward Hoffman, who told her to watch the man while they went out over the roof and blocked the passage to the street. The man, who was wearing a dark suit, was seen to get into a car and drive away. The man was later identified as a prisoner named John Smith.

When the cops mounted the car to drag off the man, he pulled a handful of paper slips out of his pockets and swallowed them. The cops thought he was trying to choke himself to death so they used heroic measures to make him disgorge.

C. N. BLISS TO SUCCEED HANNA

Consents to Serve as Head of National Committee.

If the Members to Be Elected at Chicago Should Ask Him to Do So—His Decision to Be Made Known Shortly—The President Anxious to Have Him Accept.

WASHINGTON, May 4.—Cornelius N. Bliss of New York, who dined with the President last night when Senator Aldrich was also a guest, left for New York this evening, after talking to several influential Republican party managers during the day. It is now practically settled that Mr. Bliss will very shortly make known his willingness to serve as chairman of the Republican national committee, if the members who are to be elected at the national convention in June should ask him to do so.

The knowledge of Mr. Bliss's agreement to serve will be good news to President Roosevelt and to all of the Republicans who have lately been consulting over party plans and prospects. On March 28 last THE SUN published a Washington despatch, in which it was asserted that the President was very anxious to have Mr. Bliss accept the chairmanship and that Mr. Bliss had been to Washington several times to discuss the matter.

At that time, and on several occasions since, Mr. Bliss said that he was not willing to assume the work and responsibilities because of his private business affairs and the necessity of having some leisure time. The President, therefore, reluctantly turned to the consideration of other names. A short time ago it looked as if Gov. Murphy of New Jersey would be chosen, but the opposition of Senator Keen and his friends and other considerations led to the dropping of his name, and it has not recently been considered.

President Roosevelt and some of the most influential and able of the Republican managers have all along been impressed with the importance of electing the right kind of man to succeed the late Senator Hanna and they have all been enthusiastic in their desire to induce Mr. Bliss to accept the honor. Now it is thought he has consented to do so, and there seems to be no longer any doubt that it will soon become officially known that he is to be the new chairman. Ex-Gov. Crane of Massachusetts, Senator Aldrich, ex-Secretary Root, Senator Penrose, Gov. Murphy and other big Republicans, each of whom has from time to time been mentioned as a possible national chairman, will act in an advisory capacity and Mr. Bliss will be the hard work of the committee management.

CONSUMPTIVES TO GREENLAND.

Dr. Sohon of Washington to Conduct a Party This Summer.

WASHINGTON, May 4.—An interesting development of the hygienic treatment of tuberculosis will be carried out this summer by Dr. Frederick Sohon of this city, who will conduct a party in a sanatorium ship to the fjords of Greenland.

This is an outcome of Commander Peary's explorations, as Dr. Sohon, who has accompanied two of the expeditions, is very familiar with the climate and conditions of the North and the possibility of utilizing these regions in the treatment of tuberculosis and nervous exhaustion. His conclusions resulted in the proposed novel experiment of a colony of invalids enjoying a Greenland summer, which Dr. Sohon considers entirely feasible from both a medical and a practical standpoint.

If the experiment is successful, it may lead to the permanent utilization of this otherwise worthless territory and be the means of restoring many consumptives to health in the future.

ROOM FULL OF GAS BLOWS UP.

Mother and Son Badly Burned by Explosion in Their Flat.

Mrs. Jane Gibbons, 60 years old, and her son, William Pickering, 27 years old, were both badly burned by an explosion in their home on the first floor of a four-story tenement at 65 West Fifty-fourth street, at midnight last night.

Mrs. Gibbons had been married the second time. She and her husband, John, retired at 11 o'clock. Their bedroom is in the rear. Before going to bed, Mrs. Gibbons turned out the gas in the parlor. The jet has an attachment by which the light is extinguished by pulling a chain, while pulling another chain turns on the gas. It is thought that Mrs. Gibbons, after putting out the light, turned on the gas, and that at midnight the gas came in. He struck a match in the front room and the explosion followed. All the windows in the room were blown out and the young man was hurled across the room. He was badly burned and his head and shoulders and all of his hair was burned off.

The husband, assisted by the other tenants, wrapped him in blankets and extinguished their burning clothing. An ambulance was summoned from Roosevelt Hospital, and mother and son were taken to the surgeon. They refused to go to the hospital.

AMONG ROTHSCHILDS' VICTIMS.

Governor Appealed To—To Say Something—Minsky Examined.

Lawyer A. M. Bullowa heard last evening the cases of some more of the depositors in the Grand street branch of the Federal Bank. About 400 of the depositors met at 38 Forsyth street. One was Frances Alchewsky, a girl of 17, who in two years had managed to get together \$80 out of earnings of \$6 a week. Herman Silberblatt, lately of the Whitehall district in London, deposited \$1,500 in the savings bank branch six days before it closed. In the commercial end of the concern he had in the world. At 11 o'clock on the morning of the 14th, the day of the crash, Samuel Buchner of 120 West 21st street, deposited \$715, making a total of \$1,242, all he had.

Many depositors in the East Side branch were in the Special Sessions yesterday when ex-Alderman Louis Minsky was up for examination on the charge of grand larceny. On May 13 Minsky will be examined further. A second charge of larceny has been preferred against him.

FARMERS IN MRS. BELMONT'S WAY

Won't Move From House She Bought From Frank Work for Her Estate.

HENRIETTA L. I., May 4.—Work on a portion of the handsome country seat that is being built for Mrs. O. H. P. Belmont at East Meadow Brook has been stopped, all because two farmers refuse to move from a small farmhouse on the estate, which has recently been purchased by the Belmonts from Frank Work, the horseman.

Action for dispossession was brought against Charles and William Wellsted, the occupants, some time ago by William McMann, coachman for Mr. Belmont.

McMann contended that the Wellsted brothers had leased the place for one year and that the lease expired last February. Lincoln B. Haskins, counsel for the farmers, obtained holdover proceedings. Now McMann has begun action to recover \$100 for rent. His complaint also alleges that the lease of the Wellsteds expired on Feb. 1, 1904.

The defendants contend that they received a verbal lease from Mr. Work for two years, which still has another year to run. They also state in their answer that they have been greatly injured by the servants of the Belmonts and others since they refused to vacate their premises. Their farm has been torn down, roads built through the fields and hedges and cattle allowed to roam over their pastures. They also allege that they have frequently been the recipients of much profanity from men employed by Mr. Belmont because they have refused to vacate the premises.

The case will come up for hearing to-morrow before Justice Wallace at Lynbrook.

TRAINS CRASH IN D. & W. YARD

Both Locomotives Derailed and Several Passengers Slightly Injured.

A Montreal local passenger train of four well filled coaches, which left the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western Railroad station in Hoboken a few minutes after 8 o'clock last night, took an open switch and a city block from the station and collided with a freight train. The passenger train was derailed and the freight train was derailed. Several passengers were slightly injured.

The local locomotive pushed the locomotive of the express from the track. The engine of the outgoing train was also derailed.

Engineer C. P. Miller of the express was out and scratched. His fireman, C. Booth, was out about the legs. None of the coaches were damaged. The freight train was derailed and the passenger train was derailed. Several passengers were slightly injured.

Mr. Swann met his wife. When the smoke of battle cleared away he was a prisoner on two charges.

Horace C. Swann, vice-president and general manager of the American Chemical Manufacturing Company of 490 Johnson avenue, Jersey City, and living at 188 West 137th street, was held for examination yesterday in the Harlem court on charges of intoxication and of carrying concealed weapons. He was arrested at 5 o'clock yesterday morning trying to break into a saloon at Eighth avenue and 138th street.

The chief of the police was trying to break into the saloon with a blackjack. Swann told Magistrate Flammner that he took the weapon away from Joseph Nolan, a saloon keeper, and that he had been working all night and went into the saloon to get a drink. While in the place, he saw a man who was carrying a gun. He took the gun away from the man and hid it in his pocket. He was arrested by the police.

Swann begged the Magistrate to be lenient with him and said that the money he was hiding was for his wife. He was held for examination and in default of \$1,000 bail was locked up.

MRS. DUNCAN ASKS DIVORCE.

Wife of the Physician Who Shot Bruce Head Sues for a Decree.

LOUISVILLE, Ky., May 4.—An echo of the sensational shooting of Bruce Head by Dr. Ellis Duncan of Louisville, near Pittsburg, on Oct. 21, 1902, came this afternoon in a suit for divorce filed by Mrs. Duncan, who asks a decree on the ground of abandonment.

It is improbable that Dr. Duncan will contest the suit. Mrs. Duncan is now making her home in St. Louis, where she went with her mother and brother, Phil Harbour, after the acquittal of Dr. Duncan at his trial in Pittsburg.

Dr. Duncan went to Pittsburg to confront Head with evidence of improper conduct with his wife. The meeting resulted in the shooting of Head. Head was killed. Dr. Duncan was acquitted. Mrs. Duncan is now making her home in St. Louis.

Dr. Duncan returned to Louisville and resumed the superintendency of the Louisville City Hospital. Since that time he has retired to engage in private surgical practice.

STUDENT'S BODY FOUND.

Missing Tufts College Sophomore A. J. Abbe Was Drowned.

SPRINGFIELD, Mass., May 4.—The body of Arthur James Abbe, son of James P. Abbe of this city, was found to-day on the shore of Buzzards Bay, Marion harbor. This explains the mystery that has surrounded the disappearance of this Tufts college sophomore since Feb. 22.

GOT AFTER BUCKETSHOPPERS.

Arrest Follows Consolidated Exchange Inquiry.

Several Expulsions or Suspensions Expected To-day—J. Frank Hale of Longley, Hale & Co., Accused of Appropriating a Customer's Securities.

The managers of the Consolidated Stock Exchange held a long session yesterday afternoon and it is understood that as a result of the meeting there will be announced on the floor this morning the suspension or expulsion of a number of exchange members. One man who was up before the managers was arrested last night accused of larceny of a customer's securities. He is James F. Hale, 23 years old, of Hale, Longley & Co., brokers of 135 Congress street, Boston, and 52 Broadway and 12 West Thirty-third street, New York. He was arrested by Detective Sergeant McConnell and locked up at Police Headquarters.

Thomas E. Martin, the complainant, charges Hale with having stolen five Union Pacific bonds, 10 shares of United States Steel preferred and other stocks to the total value of \$7,500.

Louis J. Vorhaus, counsel for the complainant, said last night that Martin had deposited the securities with the firm as collateral some time ago. When he tried to get an accounting he was unable to do so. He then attempted to get an attachment on money which he knew the firm had in the Phenix and Continental banks, but found that they had taken the money out the day before his attachment got served. He has now begun demanding the securities for him, but they "had been sent to Boston," so the lawyers were told.

Martin then sought to attach the furniture in the offices in Thirty-third street and in Broadway, but in both cases found that it didn't belong to Longley, Hale & Co., but to the firm which had occupied the offices before them.

Mr. Vorhaus said that he and his client learned that Hale was up on charges for bucketting before the trial committee of the Consolidated Exchange yesterday, and client and lawyer, in company with McConnell, waited in the hall for him.

"The trial must have been a hot one," said Mr. Vorhaus, "because it lasted from 3:30 to 7 P. M. When Hale came out I heard him say to a friend, 'Well, I guess I'm up against it now.'"

When he came out Hale was followed to the offices of his lawyers, Lenney & Maguire, at 31 Nassau street, and arrested there.

Vice-President Wagner of the Consolidated Exchange refused last night to tell the names of the members who had been summoned before it, explaining that it would be unfair to them to let them hear the result otherwise than by official announcement on the floor.

The meeting and action of the managers yesterday are the result of agitation which has been going on for some time to eliminate from the exchange, so far as possible, any taint of illegitimate business. The examination into the records of the brokers who were before the managers has been conducted very quietly and under an agreement that no public announcement of the result until to-day.

DECLARES FOR HOME RULE.

Liberal Leader's Statement in the House of Commons.

LONDON, May 4.—By a vote of 167 to 124 the House of Commons has rejected a motion made by Mr. John Pollard, Member for the South division of County Kerry, for the repeal of the Crimes Act in Ireland. The chief incident of the debate was a declaration of Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman, the Liberal leader, in favor of home rule, thus reaffirming the cleavage in the Liberal party, which point the Nationalists themselves immediately seized, so they shouting: "What about Rosebery and Asquith?"

Sir Henry made no reply to this question. He said that the Government had already gone home three-fourths of the way in the direction of home rule by giving Ireland local government and practically obliterating the landlords. He added that it had better go the other fourth, or at any rate prepare itself for it.

HURT BETWEEN BROADWAY CARS.

Policeman Matthews Didn't See One of the New Wide Ones Coming.

Policeman John Matthews of the Broadway squad was crushed between two cars yesterday morning when one of the new wide cars of the type and is eight inches wider than the old cars. The police usually keep a sharp lookout for these cars and know them by number.

Matthews was at Third street at 9 o'clock yesterday morning when one of the wide cars came along, trailing behind a narrow car. Matthews didn't see the new car and was caught between it and a car going south. He was spun around like a top and when Policeman Anderson picked him up he was barely conscious. At St. Vincent Hospital it was found that he had a fractured frontal bone and several severe scalp wounds in addition to many bruises by his body. At the hospital last night it was said that the policeman might recover. When Commissioner McAdoo heard of the accident he said:

"I hope Matthews will recover. I have often admired his fine physique. He is one of the few tall men that stand up straight."

Matthews is 6 feet 4 inches tall. He was picked out for the Broadway squad by former Deputy Commissioner Piper when the latter reorganized the squad. He lives with his mother at 438 West Thirty-seventh street.

SUIT OVER A KANGAROO'S TAIL.

Theatrical Company Demands \$5,000 for Four Inches Cut Off.

FELL ON BRIDGE THIRD RAIL.

Passenger on Bridge Train Jolted Off Between the Cars.

James T. Cartwright of 24 State street, Brooklyn, was standing on the rear platform of the first car of a Bridge train as it pulled out of the island platform shortly after 11 o'clock last night.

The train consisted of only two cars, and chains were stretched between them to prevent passengers going from one car to the other.

As the train rounded the curve in leaving the platform the lurch threw Cartwright backward over the chains and between the cars. His body shot outward and landed clear of the trucks. His head fell on the third rail.

There was a cry when he fell from the platform, and as soon as the train passed Policemen Ackery and Flood jumped from the station platform and dragged him out.

His face was badly burned by the third rail and he had a scalp wound that needed ten stitches before he could be removed to Hudson street hospital.

ENGLAND SEIZES TORPEDO BOAT.

Had Just Been Completed by a Tyne Ship-building Firm.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN.

LONDON, May 5.—The Newcastle correspondent of the Express states that the Government has seized a torpedo boat destroyer, which has just been completed by a prominent Tyne firm. The vessel had been watched on suspicion for weeks. She has no name, and her destination was not disclosed. She was boarded and taken over Tuesday night by Admiralty officials.

HOPPER FINDS LID OFF.

Loose Half a Yard of Trousers and Skin in a Coal Hole.

De Wolf Hopper was strolling down Broadway yesterday afternoon with his head high in the air when he walked into an open coal hole on the east side of the thoroughfare between Forty-fourth and Forty-fifth streets. Only his right leg went down. When he pulled it forth he was shy half a yard of trousers and skin. Striking a striking attitude while several curious pedestrians gazed at him, Hopper sprang this original joke:

"The lid is off."

Then he limped away.

MIRAGE OF NANTUCKET LIGHT.

Flash Kept Coming for Hours While the Peruvia Was 60 Miles Away.

Capt. Johnston of the Anchor Line steamship Peruvia, which arrived in Quarantine last night from Mediterranean ports, was fooled a bit by a remarkable mirage of the flash of the Nantucket lightship. The knowledge that the light was at least sixty miles from the lightship, but momentarily fearing that the mirage might be the real light he headed off more to sea. Soundings convinced him that the light he saw was mere simulacrum. The mirage lasted several hours.

DECORATED GORDON'S GRAVE.

Head of the G. A. R. Honors the Memory of the Confederate General.

ATLANTA, Ga., May 4.—While in Atlanta yesterday Gen. John C. Black, Commander-in-Chief of the G. A. R., and his wife went to Oakland Cemetery and asked to see the grave of Gen. John B. Gordon.

Both General and Mrs. Black had bouquets which they placed on the grave. Mrs. Black said, as she decorated the grave:

"I have always considered Gen. Gordon the beau ideal of a soldier and am glad of the opportunity to pay tribute to his memory."

SOMETHING UNDER THE BED.

Mrs. Eichler Shot Through the Mattress and Killed Her Pet Dog.

BELLEVILLE, Ill., May 4.—Mrs. Fred Eichler of 508 Short street, upon retiring last night, for the first time in fifteen years failed to look under the bed for that much sought for man. She slumbered sweetly, but suddenly was awakened. There was a thud under the bed—she could hear him breathing.

TOKIO CELEBRATES VICTORY.

Hears That Fort Arthur Fleet Is Bottled Up.

Admiral Togo's Last Attack Reported Successful—Chattering Thousands in Parade in the Japanese Capital—Army Said to Have Recaptured the Advance.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN.

TOKIO, May 4.—The reported complete sealing of Fort Arthur, although still not confirmed officially, is generally accepted, it having been accomplished, according to one version, during Tuesday, while a dense fog was prevailing.

This news, following that of the victory on the Yalu, has increased popular enthusiasm and a triumphant demonstration is going on to-night. Thousands of persons carrying lanterns are parading, headed by bands.

The parades focused outside the Ministry of Marine and Ministry of War, cheering lustily and waving lanterns. Two of the Imperial Princesses who visited the Ministry of Marine during the evening were enthusiastically acclaimed. The crowd then demanded the appearance of Admiral Ito, the hero of the naval battle of the Yalu during the Chinese-Japanese War. He presently came forth and was saluted cordially.

Admiral Togo's report on his latest operations at Port Arthur has not been issued, and it has probably not been received.

There is general satisfaction at the comparative smallness of the Japanese losses at Kiulienoheng. The official account of the losses has not been amended. The statement that the Japanese army moved northward after the battle is regarded as promising a further victory, and the report that Gen. Kouroupakin is marching to Fengwangcheng with 20,000 Russian troops is welcomed as affording the prospect of a fresh triumph.

LONDON, May 5.—The correspondents at Tokio all transmit the report that the attempt to block Port Arthur was effectual most of them remarking that it is useless. The correspondent of the Telegraph, however, sends the following unqualified statement, dated May 4:

"Yesterday afternoon, during a dense fog, the Japanese navy successfully blocked Port Arthur, sinking nine merchantmen at the entrance, which is now absolutely sealed. The blockading vessels steamed into the entrance at full speed. The naval officers who had made the two previous attempts begged permission to carry out the next attack by daylight, believing that it would be easier."

"Their request was granted. The naval chiefs were so determined to succeed this time that they decided to lose half the men if necessary. The number of casualties has not been stated as yet."

According to some St. Petersburg correspondents Admiral Alekseeff's report of the night attack on Port Arthur has not satisfied the public. It has, indeed, created some pessimism because it does not contain the usual explicit assurance that the entrance is not sealed up, substituting the vague statement that an investigation of the roadstead was prevented by the rough seas.

According to the Times's St. Petersburg correspondent, there is a belief that the attempt to seal the harbor coincided with the landing of Japanese troops. There is undoubtedly grave uneasiness in many quarters over the whole situation, which is not allayed by the continued efforts of the press to show that everything is going on as it ought nor by such expressions as the *Noroe Vremya* indulges in. This paper declares that the fighting at Kiulienoheng was a battle of giants against venomous dwarfs, behind whom were heavy guns and who were continually reinforced.

The St. Petersburg correspondent of the Telegraph represents the public as being in a state of profound gloom and suppressed dissatisfaction. Voices are becoming more numerous and louder, which inquire whether Manchuria is worth the enormous sacrifices which are being made. The Bourse is depressed, Government bonds especially drooping.

The Odessa correspondent of the Standard states that the impression created there by the Russian defeat at Kiulienoheng is extremely gloomy.

Nothing has been received from any source supporting the story that the Japanese have captured Newchwang.

TELLS OF RUSSIAN DISASTER.